



Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to

Defense Intelligence Agency

The Defense Intelligence Agency distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2011. Meeting the challenges of developing global issues, while transforming itself to address evolving worldwide threats, the Agency provided superior and decisive military and defense-related intelligence to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to the United States and Allied decision-makers and warfighters. Faced with increasingly uncertain national security events, the Agency consistently responded to some of the most complex and demanding intelligence issues since the end of the Cold War, establishing rapid response elements to manage emerging threats to national interests abroad to include: transnational terrorism, North Korean aggression against South Korea, the Arab Spring, and Libya crisis that consumed North Africa and the Middle East, tsunami after-effects on Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant, and the unprecedented disclosure of hundreds of thousands of defense documents on the WikiLeaks website. The extraordinary dedication of Agency personnel was directly responsible for the identification, pursuit, and capture of key adversaries, as well as the provision of vital information essential to maintaining our national security. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members for the Defense Intelligence Agency brought great credit to themselves, and to the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 29th day of September 2011

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of Defense at the time.

Secretary of Defense